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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE BINARIZATION APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT

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